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With less than four hours left in which to vote, the Laramie County Clerk's Office is reporting that more than 7900 people have cast ballots in today's Primary Election.

According to County Clerk Debra Lee, elections have gone smoothly thus far. "We had a few issues involving infractions of the state's electioneering law which prohibits campaign materials within 100 yards of a polling place. Our staff had to remove a number of campaign signs this morning, and we had reports of a group circulating a petition for an independent presidential candidate outside Storey Gym," Lee said.

Polls close at 7:00 p.m. or until the last person in line at 7:00 p.m. has voted. Lee said her office has fielded numerous calls from people asking about voter registration and where they can vote. "If you are not registered to vote, you can come to a Vote Center and register and cast a ballot today because Wyoming has Election Day registration. Just bring your driver's license or other government-issued photo ID," Lee said.

Lee noted that more than 5800 Laramie County voters chose to vote early or by absentee ballot. Persons who received an absentee ballot have until 7:00 p.m. to return their ballots to the clerk's office at 309 W 20th Street. Ballots arriving after the deadline will not be counted.

"Nearly 80% of absentee ballots have been returned and we will be here to accept any ballots delivered before the 7 p.m. deadline," Lee said.

Lee noted that unofficial results of the Primary Election will be uploaded to the clerk's website as they are released by the vote centers and processed. The first report to be posted will include results of ballots cast through absentee or early voting. URL for the website is: http://www.laramiecountyclerk.com/elections.aspx Election results do not become final until certified by the county canvassing board later this week.